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REVENUE DEPARTMENT
(Excise-II)

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANDHRA PRADESH EXCISE (REGULATION OF DRAWAL AND SALES OF NEERA) RULES, 1969.

[G.O.Ms.No. 78, Revenue (Excise-II), 20th February, 2017.]

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clause (iv) of clause (d) of sub-section (2) of Section 72 of the Andhra Pradesh Excise Act, 1968 (Andhra Pradesh Act 17 of 1968), the Government hereby makes the following Amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Excise (Regulation of Drawal and Sales of Neera) Rules, 1969 as subsequently amended from time to time.

AMENDMENTS

In the said rules,-

1. In rule-3,

(i) after clause (a), the following shall be added namely,-

"(aa) Applicant -

(i). Individuals or constituent members of the co-operative Palm Jaggery society for tapping neera from excise tree other than coconut tree.

(ii). Any Co-operative Palm Jaggery Society or any Palm Sugar Factory setup by the Andhra Pradesh Khadi and Village Industries Board for permission for the manufacture of Palm Jaggery or Palm with sugar from Neera.

(iii). Any Coconut Producers Federation registered under the Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 2001 and subsequently registered with Coconut Development Board and Coconut Producers Company registered under the Companies Act, 2013.

(ab) **'Coconut neera'** means the juice as sweet neera drawn from the coconut trees by using any other modern scientific technologies which can arrest auto fermentation.

(ac) **Coconut Development Board** means Andhra Pradesh Coconut Development Corporation incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 (Central Act 1 of 1956).

(ad) **Coconut Producers Company** means a company registered under the Companies Act, 2013 having 2000 to 8000 Coconut farmers as its members and having consolidated total minimum of 10 lakh yielding coconut trees.

(ae) **Coconut Producers Federation** means a union of 10 to 25 Coconut Producers Societies registered as Society and subsequently registered with Coconut Development Board.

(af) **Form** means the forms appended to these rules."

(ii) after Clause (b), the following shall be added namely,-

"(bb) Manufactory means a room or building specified in the licence for storing Sweet Coconut Neera.".

2. In rule 4,

(1). in sub-rule (2), after the words "excise trees" the words "other than coconut trees" shall be inserted.

(2). after sub-rule (2), the following shall be added namely,-

"(2A) Issue of Licence:

License under these rules for drawing neera from coconut tree shall be issued by Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise of the Districts concerned to Federations of coconut producer societies affiliated to Coconut Producer Companies registered with Registrar of Companies and facilitated by Coconut Development Board on payment of annual licence fee of Rs. 100/- (Rupees hundred only) for each licence in Form 3 (A).".

(3). after sub-rule (3), the following shall be added namely,-

"(3A) Issue of Licence:

Licence for tapping of the coconut inflorescence for the production of Neera and its value added products shall be obtained by Federations of Coconut Producer Societies (Coconut Producers Federation's - registered with Coconut Development Board) which are affiliated to Coconut Producer Companies registered with Registrar of Companies and facilitated by Coconut Development Board in Form 2 (A).".

3. In rule-5, after sub-rule (2), the following shall be added namely,-

"(2)(a) Issue of Licence:

Neera extracted by federations of coconut producer societies shall be processed at processing units set up by Coconut producer companies registered with Registrar of Companies and Facilitated by Coconut Development Board, for the purpose of use as a 'Natural Nutritious health drink' and as a raw material for preparation of value added products from coconut Neera.".

4. after rule 6, the following shall be added namely,-

"(6A) Issue of Licence:

Licence for tapping of the coconut inflorescence for the production of Neera and value added products shall be only by Coconut Producers Federation's which are affiliated to Coconut Producer Companies registered with Registrar of Companies and facilitated by Coconut Development Board.".

5. In rule-11,

(1). after sub-rule (1) the following shall be added namely,-

"(1A) Issue of Licence: Extraction of Coconut Neera may be done by using any modern scientific technologies which can arrest auto-fermentation of Neera.".

(2). after sub-rule (3), the following shall be added namely,-

"(3A) For neera derived from coconut, advanced technologies developed by Coconut Development Board, Research stations and Agricultural Universities may be used for the preservation of Coconut Neera.

Provided that time limit shall not apply for Neera drawn from Coconut trees.".

(3). after sub-rule (4), the following shall be added namely,-

"(4A) Issue of Licence:

The Coconut Neera extraction license shall be kept in safe custody in office of concerned Coconut Producers Federation and shall be produced for inspection on demand by any excise officer duly authorized for the purpose. Tapping of any excise tree without a valid license by a Neera Technician in a Coconut Producers Federation or by a Coconut Producers Federation or failure to produce the same by Coconut Producers Federation on demand shall institute an offence under the Act.".

6. After Form-2, the following Form shall be inserted namely,-

"FORM 2[A]
[See Rule 4(3)(A)]

Licence for the Tapping of Coconut Trees for the Drawal of Neera

1.	Name of the licensee	
2.	Particulars of the Coconut Development Board, Coconut Producers Company and Coconut Producers Federation.	
3.	Particulars of coconut trees permitted to be tapped................................... (a) District........................... (taluk) Village..................................... (b) Block No. (c) No.of trees with particulars of marking.	
4.	Period for which the licence is valid.	

Conditions for tapping Coconut trees for drawing Neera

1. The tapping licence shall be carried by the tapper on his person while tapping the trees and shall be produced for inspection on demand by an Excise Officer duly authorized in this behalf. Tapping of any coconut tree without a licence on the person of a tapper or failure to produce the same while tapping shall constitute an offence under the Act.

2. No date tree shall be tapped oftener than in alternative years or for more than four months from the date of marking.

3. The licensee will not be entitled to compensation in respect of any coconut tree withdrawn or taken over for public purposes or for any trees standing on the banks or beds of irrigation works under the control of the P.W.D. Which that Department may require to cut them down or strip off their leaves or branches.

4. The licensee shall be bound by such other conditions as may be specified by the Commissioner or the Excise Superintendent, as the case may be in this behalf.

5. The licence is liable for suspension or cancellation for breach of any of the above conditions and the provisions of any rules or the Act in this behalf.".

Signature of the
Deputy Commissioner

(SEAL)

7. after Form No.3, the following Form shall be inserted namely,-

"FORM NO.3 [A]

[See Rule 4(2)(A)]

Application for licence to draw Coconut Neera

(Proper Court fee stamp to be affixed)

1. Name of applicant and address....
2. Residence
3. Father's Name
4. Residence Village .... Taluk
5. Number and kind of excise trees to be allotted
6. [

Signature of the applicant.

(To be filled in by Inspector of Excise)

1. Date of receipt in the office of the Inspector of Excise
2. Date of issue of licence
3. Consecutive number of licence
4. Date of transmission to Sub-Inspector
5. Date of receipt by the Sub-Inspector
6. Date of Marking village Block marked from.................... to.....................
7. Date of Handing over the licence and permit to contractor
8. Date of receipt by the contractor
9. Date of return by the Sub -Inspector
10. Date of receipt and filing in the office of the Inspector of Excise".

AJEYA KALLAM,
Special Chief Secretary to Government.

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